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In re application of:

Group Art Unit: 1793

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111  
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed October 20, 2008, thereby extending the time period within which to respond to February 20, 2009.

In response to the Office Action mailed October 20, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows: